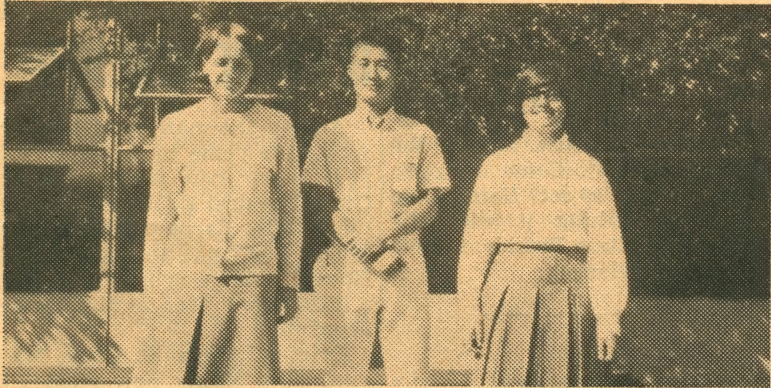


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## Exchange Students Welcomed

Acalanes is very lucky to have Helen Lira, our A.F.S. foreign exchange student from Guatemala City, Guatemala. During her stay at Acalanes, Helen will be living with Nancy Harter.

Helen is eighteen and comes from a family consisting of her parents, two brothers, and three sisters. One of Helen's sisters, incidentally, is on the A.F.S. program in Media, Pennsylvania.

In Guatemala, Helen attended a small secretarial school (all girls) and took courses in Math, Shorthand, English, and Spanish. Here she is taking courses in American Government, Shorthand, Art, and Geometry to list a few. Helen finds Geometry the hardest because of the terminology and she enjoys Art the best. Helen also remarked that in Guatemala, the students stayed in one class while the teachers changed rooms.

Helen traveled from Guatemala to Miami, Florida by plane and then took a bus across the states. Upon arriving in Lafayette, she noticed the thing she likes the best — the kindness of the people.

Helen enjoys swimming and being on her father's farm on the outskirts of Guatemala City. After she returns to her country next year, Helen plans to finish her pre-college education, then go to college, and then fulfill her ambition which is to become an architect.

This year Acalanes welcomes Irmgard Tecklenborg, an A.F.S. foreign exchange student from Bremen, Northern Germany. She plans to stay the school year at Acalanes while living at the home of Marilee Rocca.

Irmgard is seventeen and enjoys doing what all teenagers enjoy—sailing, skiing, and swimming. Among her other enjoyments are Santa Cruz Beach and Baskin-Robbins ice cream!

Irmgard thinks Acalanes is terrific. Her favorite course is Public Speaking and her hardest is American Government. Being able to speak fluently in three languages — English, Latin, and, of course, German — and presently studying French, Irmgard plans to "do something with languages" after she finishes school; however, in Germany there is another three years of school before college.

The girls and boys at Acalanes, Irmgard notes, dress differently than those in her country. The girls in Germany always wear skirts and blouses, never dresses; the boys don't have a madras pat-

tern. Speaking of boys and girls, Irmgard says that the German system of dating is different — a boy very rarely dates a girl he isn't going steady with, and, instead of going to a movie like we do, they go to a place where teenagers can dance and sit and talk. As a point of interest, teenagers are allowed to drink beer in Germany!

Hiroshi Sano from Tokyo, Japan, is the third of Acalanes' A.F.S. foreign exchange students. Hiroshi is seventeen and a very likeable guy! While attending school at Acalanes, Hiroshi will stay with Larry Hamilton.

Hiroshi's school in Japan seems very much like our high school. It, too, was co-educational and while there, Hiroshi took courses in Math, Chemistry, Physics, English, Music, Chinese, and, naturally, Japanese. His courses here are almost identical: Math Analysis, Acapella, English Chemistry, and Physics. Hiroshi is also taking American Government which he finds the hardest of all his classes to understand. His most enjoyable classes are Math Analysis and Acapella.

Among Hiroshi's hobbies are swimming and reading. He finds our system of education the thing he likes best here.

The only difference Hiroshi notices in the United States' teenagers and teenagers in Japan is style of dress. Unlike our other exchange students, Hiroshi will be able to go directly from high school to college upon his return to Japan. Hiroshi is still undecided about a career to embark on after he completes college.

Dons, meet **your** foreign exchange student from Japan — Hiroshi is a rewarding person to know!

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It is possible that the school will pay \$4,800 to install lights on one of the tennis courts.

This year's newly elected Girl's League officers are as follows: President—Sandy Sherman, Vice-President—Pat Sibley, Secretary—Sue Spargens, Treasurer—Caryl Stevens, Senior Representatives—Sheila Lawyer and Cathy Waidtlow, Junior Representative—Wendy Wolf, Sophomore Representative—Joanne Jenson.

Lynette Leonard was chosen the new senior class social secretary due to the fact that Becky McKee, who was elected last year, has left to attend school in France.

## HOMECOMING QUEEN CROWNED TONIGHT

Homecoming, the highlight of the football season, and the time when the entire student body is full of school spirit, is tonight.

We're all behind the Dons for the traditional game which will be tonight. This year we'll be battling Piedmont for our first home game.

Four princesses representing each of the four classes were voted on Thursday and the results of the election will be announced at the rally today.

Each class will have a color to wear on the day of the Rally and a class yell to determine who has the best spirit. A brief skit is also planned for the Rally. This is a good way to start the season and we hope that the school spirit will carry through for the rest of the games.

The theme for this year's floats will be "Comic Strips". The Senior class has picked "B.C.", the Juniors are doing "The Wizard of ID", the Sophomores decided on "Peanuts", and the Freshmen picked "Bugs Bunny".

Corsages will be bought for the princesses and will add to the

decor of the floats. Gifts will also be presented to them by the social secretaries of each class. A fire engine will lead the parade, in addition to the Honor Guard, and a car carrying the Pom-Pon girls and yell leaders.

The band has been rehearsing a special new formation of a bull's head, in which the majorettes will perform to the music of "Lady of Spain", "Mexican Hat Dance", and various other tunes. These will all be based on the Spanish origin of Acalanes. They have a fine half-time program planned and will surely highlight the evening.

The big Homecoming dance follows the floats and the game. Kathy O'Brien is in charge of the dance, and the theme is "Miss Peach." It's going to be a decorated dance with the Montells playing, so everyone be sure to come.

Alice Edwards and Wendy Holmes, co-chairmen, Tom Fitzsimmons, Rally Commissioner, and many others have worked hard to organize a great program, so let's get behind our team and cheer them on to victory.



## SOPH HOP SUCCESSFUL

The Old Gym was the scene of another successful Soph Hop, held on October 8 from 8:30 to 11:30. The dance was called "Neptune's Kingdom," after an underwater theme. The theme was carried out effectively by the decorations. Close to seventy fluorescent, papier mache fish hung from the ceiling, along with a giant octopus. Seaweed rocks, and shells added to the underwater effect. Music was provided by the Mystics and the Shades Blue

Ltd., two local groups. A treasure chest at the entrance held the bids. The refreshment stand was made to look like an underwater castle. Social secretary of the Sophomore Class, Diane Currier, supervised the various committees organized to make the dance a success. The committee heads were as follows: Refreshments, Sheryl Swanson; Bids, Lisa Minton; Decorations, Diane Currier; Publicity, Mary Stone; Tickets, Mike Rosso and Mary Stone.

## Calendar

- Oct. 15—Homecoming, Football game with Piedmont . . . Rally
- Oct. 16—Mother's Day at Brookfield Zoo
- Oct. 18—Back to school night — 8:00 p.m.
- Oct. 19—Iowa Test
- Oct. 20—Iowa Test . . . Cross country at Del Valle
- Oct. 21—Talent Assembly  
Frosh football at Miramonte . . . J.V. football with Las Lomas—here
- Oct. 22—Football at Las Lomas
- Oct. 24—Anniversary of Anna Taylor plunging over Niagara Falls in a barrel.
- Oct. 27—Cross Country with Miramonte—here
- Oct. 29—Varsity football with Miramonte—here  
Rally

## Symposium Here

Acalanes High School was chosen as the first school to participate in a series of interviews with county High School students to discuss pertinent problems of our time. The interview was held at Acalanes on Monday, October 4.

A group of seven students were chosen by Laurie Gardner, youth correspondent to the Contra Costa Times, to represent the School. These students were Aletha Biedermann, junior; Patty Cameron, freshman; Steve Daniels, senior; Dave Ford, senior; Clay Kallam, senior; Yolanda Lifschutz, senior; and Sue Taylor, senior. These students were asked questions by Mary Soderstrom from the Contra Costa Times.

The question that was discussed by these students was: Why has a song like "Eve of Destruction" become such a best seller? Clay Kallam was the first person to reply. "Eve of Destruction's" popularity boils down to a matter of imitation. The College students protest so the High School students imitate them. Protest records are the thing to buy."

This assertion was immediately disagreed with by Yolanda Lifschutz who stated that students are "beginning to listen to the words." Sue Taylor agreed saying that "the kids are becoming aware of the world. They're listening to what the song says."

Dave Ford disagreed with both theories. "But you don't buy a record for what it says, you buy because of the sound. You can't understand a thing the Rolling Stones say."

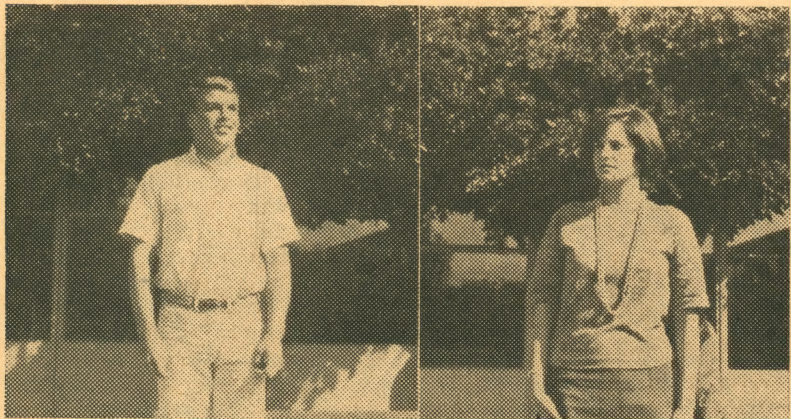
The discussion became centered on who in the group listened to popular music. It was surprising to discover that Steve, who plays in a band, listens "only because I want to learn the parts." The question was then asked that if he didn't like the music, why did he play in a band?

He answered, "For the money, of course." After being needled a little by Dave, he admitted that playing in the band is "really a lot of fun!"

Do you think money is the reason why folk music is becoming more popular? Steve and Clay believed that if a singer had something to say, he must be satisfied. Clay said, "The Beatles aren't telling the world anything, so they must be in it for the money."

Steve said that P. F. Sloan may have written the "Eve of Destruction" because he wanted to say something, but McGuire probably recorded it for the money. "Most groups who make it today are talented, even the Stones," Steve said.





## SENIOR PROFILES

Janice Masetto, alias "Louie", contributes more than her share of enthusiasm and responsibility to Acalanes. Most of her time is spent fulfilling her duties as Clubs Commissioner for Acalanes. Another school activity of hers is A.F.S. Janice is this year's A.F.S. publicity chairman.

After graduation Janice intends to study Biological Science at the University of California at Santa Cruz. Janice is also interested in the field of Art. She has studied art for four years at Acalanes and has developed a keen sense for what she likes and dislikes. Her favorites are melt sculptures and her dislike is Pop Art. Janice's favorite class at Acalanes is Great Books; one reason is the teacher-student relationship and the second is that she enjoys reading.

Janice feels that this year's Student Body is very cooperative and will help her achieve her goal for this year. Janice would like to have more participation of all the clubs, to have them work together, and to have a great time doing it.

Janice's Pet Peeve is people who are constantly arguing. She says, "They leave me cold!" Her favorite expression, if you haven't guessed is, "It leaves me cold." Two of Janice's outside interests are folk music and sports. She especially likes Joan Baez because of Joan's inspirational appeal and natural appearance when performing. Tennis and basketball are her loves in the field of sports. She enjoys playing both sports but finds that she is a spectator most of the time.

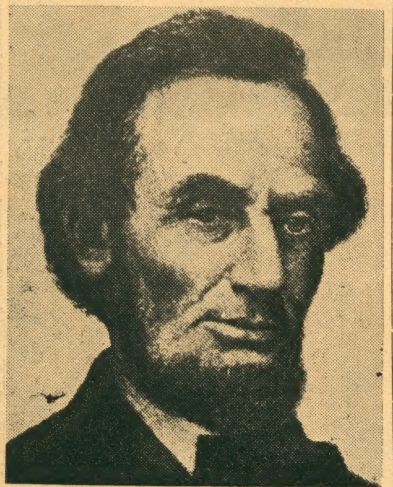
Janice is a very interesting and popular subject for Senior Profile. She is sure to be a greater success in the future.

A fabulous football player, with a great personality is our Senior Profile, Brett Bullen. Also a very popular boy, Brett has had the respect and best wishes of his fellow students for an uncommonly long time. Brett has many likes and dislikes. He likes blue, especially blue eyes, football, and blonde girls that have the name Lynn. Among his dislikes, Brett has: the boys who are always smoking in the Boys lavatory at brunch and noon, the way he keeps getting mistaken for Dave Bolin, the way some people go to great pains to ruin their cars, and the way that some people take a long time and waste a lot of effort trying to explain to a class something that that person knows little or nothing about.

Brett, has always been a great athlete in all sports that he has tried at, he has always come out either the best or close to the best. He has always been considered the top. He's a great runner, a good thrower, and has a great ability to catch.

Besides being a great star in the athletic world, Brett is a scholar. He always gets good grades, never bad ones. He has the ability to tackle out Acalanes courses without ever flinching.

Brett is surely one of the most outstanding personalities in Acalanes. He is popular, he's athletically inclined, and he's a brain. He is a good example of what all of us would like to be.



### Feature President

## THIS IS ACALANES

By Janice Christensen

Now that school has started and the students have had time to recover from the shock, let's see how they take to their new life.

The Senior class started the new year off with a loss. On Sept. 24, the Seniors found that they were losing a big piece of their class to France, Becky McKee. The beginning of the end for the class of "66", wasn't a complete waste. They did gain a real sociable social secretary, Lynette Leonard. Speaking of social secretaries, Joyce Cottrell feels it is her duty to teach Ann Shenton, Kathy Okerstrom, Betty Colwell, Peggy Schell, Linda Scalise, Katie Lee, and Janie Stone "how to pitch." The Senior accomplishments haven't stopped here. Dickie Clarkson, Rich Stubblefield, and Bob Mississippi discovered the flag pole. What do they do out there, girls? There are still those Seniors who can't get into the swing of things. I hear the girls that share Tom Fitzsimmon's locker would appreciate it if he would clean house and take home his laundry. Tom, let's get with it. Today if a person really wants to be with it they have to get their ears pierced. Chris Lind, don't you think it's time you stopped pretending and get your ears pierced? Every year there is a small group of Seniors who find it necessary to rebel instead of conforming. Kacy Cook, Ken Van Loben Sels and Sue Steinbach, give up the T.P. and settle down.

The class of "67" has started their year off as upper classmen in a quiet manner. They have kept hidden and silent. A few of them have slipped and news has leaked out. Linda DiSano and Marcie Smith, one night in Rheem, made the mistake of advertising that they were bored. Well are you girls bored now? Fred David is also making a loud noise. He says that he is sexier than Sandy Sherman! Is Fred right, Sandy? Roberta Kane thinks it is big time knocking off Seniors with volley balls, while Sue Lincoln gets her kicks by sitting on the stage at the After-Game Dances. The other Juniors are busy playing the role of the "big upper classmen."

The minute school starts the Soph class always proves that they are the most spirited class. This year is no exception. I hear that the girls are so spirited that they go around kidnapping Senior boys and putting them in trunks of cars. How was the ride, Rob Disharoon and John Larson? This class hunts men and they don't care who's they get. Linda

Querio, leave Jean Hallstone's victim alone. Gale Mefford was so excited about the new year and more men that she has changed tradition. Gale, do you think it is right to tag-in on other girls? Bulletin! Deidre Currier has told Marc Lovelace that she is expecting frogs. Nancy Willis has bought some new equipment to promote the spirit. It is a nice win, Nancy. Does it catch the men?

Down in the lowest quarters there's been some excitement. Laurie Russell and Linda Briggante caused a little riot at the Walnut Festival. Come on girls, is that anyway to act? Nancy Omo has been making it with the Sophomore Class President. How is she, John Rarig?

## Merit Scholars

Acalanes has the honor of having seven semi-finalists in the 1965-1966 National Merit Scholarship Test Program. These seniors who qualified by taking the test last March are Jack Beers, Deke Dekay, Stuart Fogg, Ann Jeffrey, Clay Kallam, John Morris, and Jay Reed. To achieve the positions of finalists, they must take the College Board and S.A.T. tests in December and are then confirmed by their results. Usually, about 97% of the semi-finalists become finalists and then become eligible for corporation, foundation, college, trust, union, professional organizations, and individual scholarships. Each Merit Scholarship is a four-year award and covers the undergraduate years.

Those nominated for Letters of Commendation are Doug Anderson, Ann Berry, Tom Griffith, Charlotte Hofmann, Gordon Hollingsworth, Doug Johnston, Ronda Kaufman, Glen Olson, Chris Pimental, Joan Portello, Carolyn Smith, and Patrick Sullivan. Together, the semi-finalists and those named for Letters of Commendation constitute the top 2% of the nation's seniors.



## FEATURE TEACHER

Among the many new teachers who have come to Acalanes this year is our new addition to the Girls' Physical Education Department, Miss Barbara Muzzy. Miss Muzzy has come to replace Miss Howell, who was here for, only a little over a year, as Mrs. Davies associate.

Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, Miss Muzzy now resides in our neighboring city of Walnut Creek. She has attended several colleges. Among them are George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree, and the University of Arizona.

Before coming to Acalanes, Miss Muzzy taught at Karkwood Junior High School in St. Louis and Tenafly High School in Tenafly, New Jersey. When asked why she chose teaching physical education as her profession, she replied that ever since she was a little girl, she had always wanted to become a teacher.

Miss Muzzy's first impression of Acalanes may shock some of the students. She praised the school for its lovely campus. She especially admires the beautiful landscaping. She stated that she has not been at Acalanes long enough to suggest improvements, but she did say that she wishes some of the students would be a little more careful about the disposal of their trash at brunch and lunch.

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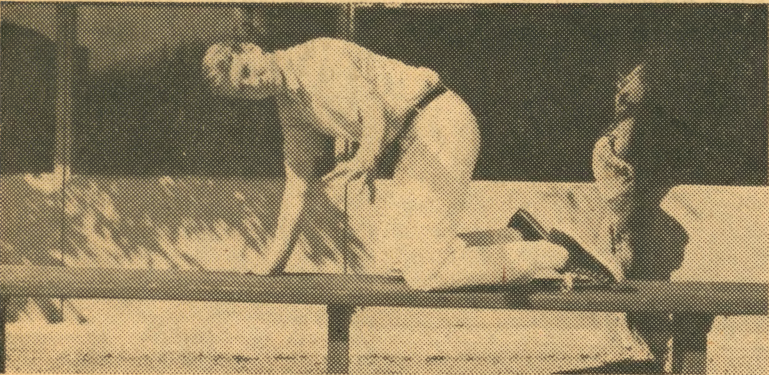
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Social Commentary by Roger Burton

## HEAP OF THE MONTH

Now that the pleasures of summer are behind us, and the chore of school will be with us for the next nine months, we need some humor. After some careful observation, and some funny happenings, we have chosen a Heap of the Month. This car is not the greatest, but its owner Brian Pomfret, tries to do his best with it.

The most interesting thing about this car, is its "huge engine". All of its "50 h.p.", have been clocked at "105 m.p.h." down the straight of way on Bear Creek. There is, however, one slight setback. When the car is loaded, "five people" the speed and power of the engine is not too over whelming. This bomb holds the lap record at Laguna Seca in Monterey. The modest exterior, conceals a beautiful interior (vinel covered seats). Also, there is the moveable front seat, so the passengers can squeeze out. The sun roof is good for the passengers to stick their bodies out of.

There is one problem Brian hasn't been able to figure out.

The car has a tendency of stalling in turnabouts when mixed company is present. Oh, well. Everything can't be all right, Brian.

## INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS THOUGHT HIGHLY OF

The Breakers were formed after the old group, the Oracles, dissolved. The Oracles, composed of Steve Daniels, Dave Ford, Vance Mitchel, and Tom Martin, became the Breakers after Martin left. Jim Fassio joined last October to complete the present group.

Last school year the Breakers were extremely successful. They played at several fraternity parties at U.C., private parties, country club dances the "Battle of the Bands" at Walnut Creek and Richmond, just about all the high schools in the district, and the Walnut Festival. All this earned the Breakers \$2,200 in the space of September to June.

Beatles, Rolling Stones, and

Zombies records are the ones most likely to be played by the Breakers. According to Jim Fassio, his group is at its best playing Night Train or singing Sloop.

The Breakers have plenty of future plans. Dave Ford will be getting a new organ, and the group will be entering many more "Battles of the Bands." When the members of the Breakers go to college, Steve Daniels, Vance Mitchel, and Dave Ford will have to leave. Because of this, Lanny Howland will soon be brought into the group. A drummer will also be looked for. If all goes well, the Breaker's fine tradition will be continued.



The Breakers Hard at Practice

"The Breakers", a popular music group heard often in Student Square, are one of the most popular bands of the high school district. Acalanes students Jim Fassio, Dave Denny, Dave Ford, Steve Daniels, and Del Valle student Vance Mitchel make up this group.

Steve Daniels plays the drums, Dave Ford plays the organ, Vance Mitchel plays the lead guitar, Jim Fassio plays the bass guitar, and Dave Denny plays the rhythm guitar. Fassio has been playing the guitar for one year, Denny has been playing the guitar for two years, and Ford has been playing the organ for three years. The group practices at least five hours a week.

The present leader of "The Breakers" is Steve Daniels. Jim Fassio succeeded Dave Ford as manager.

The "Mystics" are a musical group consisting of five high school students of which three are from Acalanes. The "Mystics" along with the "Shades Blue Limited", provided the music for the recent "Soph Hop." The popularity of the group has grown steadily since they started performing last June.

The Acalanes students who are members of the group are Ross Valory, playing the bass guitar; Mark Burroughs on the organ; and Steve Jarvis singing. The two remaining members of the "Mystics" are Mike Fitzgerald of Campolindo and Jim Warner of College Park. Jim is the group's leader and plays lead guitar, while Mike hits the skins. All three Acalanes students are playing in a group for the first time, while the other two have played in groups before.

The "Mystics" play for dances and parties. They have played at a fraternity at the University of California and have played at many schools in the area. They style their playing after that of "Paul Revere and the Raiders" and the "Rolling Stones." They play a wide variety of music and have composed five songs which of two have been performed. "I'm Stuck on You", with music by Ross Valory, and lyrics by Steve Jarvis, is the best of their own songs.

The members feel it is fun to play in a group because they make money and enjoy themselves at the same time. The group practices on Sundays for about two hours. The guitars and amplifiers are Fenders, and Mark Burroughs plays a Combo-Compact organ.

Although some of the members can read music, the group does learn and play by ear. When a new song comes out they will practice it until they learn it. The "Mystics" like to play the kind of music the kids want to hear.

## EDITORIAL

### CHOICE WANTED

"R. C. Owens vs. Lavender Poodles."

On Tuesday, October the fifth, I was required to leave my classes for a Girl's League meeting which had been scheduled to promote a magazine sale to raise money for the school. In order to avoid the torture of oohing and ahing at lavender stuffed poodles and three-toned donkeys, my friends and I tried to acquire special permission from Mr. Stevens to listen to football star R. C. Owen's speech with the male student poplation. We were turned down at the instant the dean saw my friend's bland hair. We were both greatly distressed.

This is not to say that the purpose of Girl's League is undesirable, but it is wrong to be forced to attend a meeting that one does not wish to take part in. Why are we not given the opportunity to engage in the school activity of our own choice? I can understand that there could be facility problems or even disciplinary risks when such freedom is allowed at the high school level, but the majority of students are fully capable and responsible enough to decide who they want to listen to for a half hour!

I am not a student agitator, rabble-rouser, or malcontent, but I strongly feel that too many students at Acalanes remain in the background for fear of disturbing their well-planned lives.

—TERRY KNOX.

## FIC MEET

Back in 1957 there was a problem of fights after football games in the Foothill Athletic League. In 1958 the Foothill Inter-school Council was formed. At the time there were six schools making up the council: Acalanes, Del Valle, Las Lomas, Miramonte, Piedmont, and San Ramon. Three more schools have joined since 1958. They are Alhambra, Campolindo, and Monte Vista. The Council is concerned with sportsmanship at league games. Making up the board, is the Board of Governors, and the principals of the schools. The Council has also improved the quality for exchange assemblies.

The FIC has an advisor for the first time. He is Alex McLain, the Dean of Boys at Piedmont. President James Cozones, Principal of San Ramon, has stated that the FIC of 1966 is an outstanding group.

Since the group was formed, there have been 18 meetings. They have been adding things to the point where they have a little power to do something. Some of the new things they are working for this year are an FIC scholarship for the outstanding leaders, sending of representatives to the Governor's Conference on Youth, an FIC on a class level.



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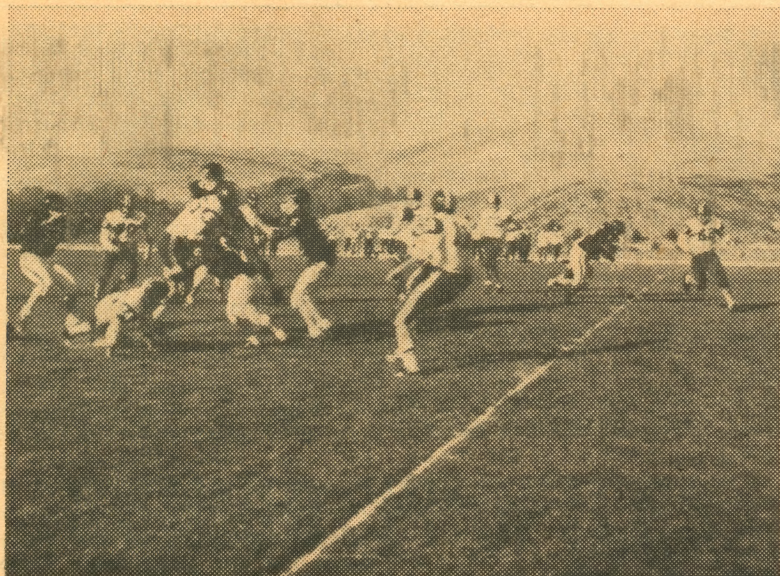
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# DONS WIN FIRST

Acalanes, capitalizing on Campolindo's mistakes and moving the ball well on their own, beat the Cougars for their first win in two years. The final score was 27-13.

The Dons scored four times. Their first score came after 15 plays which took them 78 yards. The second score came on a Tucker-to-Johnson pass. The third touchdown came after the center to a Cougar kicker on fourth down got away. Knudsen ran over right guard for the score. The final Acalanes touchdown came on a run by Denny Johnson. There was 3:16 left in the game.

Campolindo scored twice. One of their touchdowns came on a 78-yard run by guard Greg Bergfeld after he recovered an Acalanes fumble.

There were several Acalanes standouts in this game. Denny Johnson and Randy Knudsen both ran well. Steve Turre proved an able receiver. Junior Greg Kink showed that Acalanes has a good quarterback in addition to Jim Tucker.

The Acalanes Dons opened the 1965 football season against a stubborn, but determined Del Valle team. The score had no real bearing on the way the game was played. The Dons can look forward to a fairly good season with the material coach George Cockerton has assembled.

The Trojan team led by Doug Fredina scored early in the first quarter. With just over four minutes, forty seconds gone, the Del Valle team got on the scoreboard. The extra point was not good. Del Valle led 6-0. The Dons then took the kickoff and started to drive. They were stopped by a good defense put on by the Trojans. As the gun sounded, ending the first quarter, the score remained 6-0 in favor of Del Valle.

The second quarter was packed with a lot of good football. The Dons, led by sophomore Jim Stevens, got on the scoreboard. With just 1:23 gone in the second quarter, senior Jim Tucker scored. The Dons tried an end sweep for the conversion, but

were stopped on the two-yard line. The Trojans then took the kickoff and Hamberg ran it back 52 yards. The Del Valle team slowly moved the football down the field against a determined Don defense. With 8:28 gone in the second quarter Del Valle scored again. The extra point was good, and the Trojans led by a score of 12-6. As the first half came to an end, the Del Valle team still led 12-6.

As the second half started, we took the kickoff at the five-yard line, and Jim Tucker ran it back to the 38 yard line. The game then see-sawed back and forth until late in the third quarter. With Del Valle on the three-yard line, Wayne Foster scored on a three yard plunge. The extra point attempt was blocked by Scott Sulprizo. The quarter ended with the score, 18-6.

The Dons made a good bid in the fourth quarter but were turned back. Jim Stevens passed to Jim Tucker for a 23 yard gain. Also in the fourth quarter Pete Jay, a junior, really put forth. Time and time again, Pete picked up six or seven yards at a time through the middle. In the fourth quarter Randy Knudsen had a 34 yard run which made it look like the Dons were going to put on a last minute surge. The Dons had the misfortune of having a punt blocked, and a fumbled ball on the five-yard line recovered by the Del Valle team.

Some of the outstanding players on offense were, Jim Stevens, Jim Tucker, Pete Jay, Mark Cheney, and Randy Knudsen. On defense the outstanding players were, Mike Parodi, a new player, Gary Shaw, Mark Cheney, Jim Tucker, and Doug Leonard, a junior.

The Acalanes Dons lost their first game of the year to the Pleasant Hill Rams by the humili-

ating score of 27-0. However, during the first half, the Dons made a better showing than the final score would indicate.

During the first two quarters, Acalanes, while holding their opponents to seven points, came within one yard of a touchdown of their own. Only the half time gun kept the Dons from getting on the scoreboard.

During the second half the Rams unloaded both barrels. While scoring a touchdown in the third quarter and two more in the fourth, Pleasant Hill stopped the Acalanes offense cold.

However, there were bright spots for Acalanes. Ed Davis, Steve Brown, and Brett Bullen did a good job on defense, while Randy Knudsen, Jim Stevens, and Jim Tucker did a creditable job on offense.

## Former 49er Urges Student to Apply Themselves

R. C. Owens, former San Francisco 49er and Baltimore Colt star end, gave an enlightening talk to all the boys during an assembly on Tuesday, Oct. 5, in the small gym. His name, now famous in connection with the "alley-oop" pass play first used by the 49ers and specifically by quarterback Y. A. Tittle and offensive end, Owens in 1957, was nearly a trade-word in pro football for a number of years. It is in the hall of fame for being the first to block a field goal by jumping above the goal posts to bring it down. He is now working for the J. C. Penny Co. as a public relations man.

A movie was presented first, showing the high points in Owens' sports career from high school to fame placing its emphasis on putting forth that "extra effort." Following the movie he walked on stage to a standing ovation and proceeded with an inspiring dissertation on what he could have done in his early life to assure his success. Owens spoke of how he had considered his education second in importance to sports, a mistake he feels every day of his life.

Though we have often heard this warning, that education should be uppermost in our minds, it is good to hear it from one who has experienced the consequences of not heeding it.



## BULLEN AND CHENEY RELAX AS "FANS" LOOK ON SENIORS BULLEN AND CHENEY NAMED BLOCK A ATHLETES

Mark Cheney received the Block "A" Athlete of the Week award for his playing in the football game on Oct. 1 between Acalanes and Del Valle. This was quite an accomplishment since this was only Mark's second game of high school football. Wrestling was Mark's main interest until he went out for football this year. Mark does a good job on defense and made several very important tackles during the Del Valle game.

Mark is well known for his wrestling. He has placed in all the tournaments he has been in and last year he received the Block "A" award for wrestling. Mark is also on the swimming team. Mark Cheney is truly an all around athlete.

Brett Bullen was Block "A" Athlete of the Week for his performance in the football game against the Pleasant Hill Rams. This is Brett's second year on varsity; he is getting off to a good start this year. Against Pleasant Hill he averaged 4.8 yards per carry and on defense he was second in tackles.

Brett has ambitions of becoming a college player. He went to the 49ers training camp and to the Fellowship Christian Athletes Camp in Oregon. Brett is active in track and wrestling be-

sides football. Aggressive describes Brett's playing. He tries hard in practice and never loaf. Brett is on the training committee and is also one of the Block "A" directors.

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